

Aerial view of Poole Harbour and Brownsea Island and Dorset coastline.

Poole

The historic Port of Poole offers a warm welcome and can open the door to some of the most diverse and beautiful locations on the South Coast. Offering the very best of countryside, coastline, events and attractions, it is the perfect place for those seeking clear air, spectacular award-winning beaches and magnificent countryside. Guaranteeing your guests an exciting place to visit throughout the year.

Our new cruise berth, South Quay, is the first of several proposed developments to improve our port facilities and enables us to welcome vessels up to 220m in length into Poole's beautiful natural harbour. The Port's central position on the South Coast is easily reached from London, the Midlands and the West Country and enjoys convenient road and rail links.

Poole is one of the world's largest natural harbours, said to be second only to Sydney's in size. It's extensive sheltered waters provide a magnificent haven for recreational sailing and water sports, and the mudflats and salt marshes are of great ecological value for feeding and roosting birds.

Our historic quayside and beautiful harbour, the best beaches in England and the 3 World Heritage Sites on our doorstep (The Jurassic Coast, Stonehenge and the City of Bath), are just a few of the reasons why Poole in Dorset should be a 'must stop' for your next cruise itinerary.

We look forward to seeing you at the Port of Poole.

Top Five Facts about Poole

1. Poole Harbour is the second largest natural harbour in the world
2. Poole Harbour is a drowned valley formed at the end of the last Ice Age and is the estuary for several rivers, the largest being the river Frome
3. The harbour is an area of international importance for wildlife conservation and borders three National Nature Reserves
4. Poole Harbour is home to Brownsea Island, home to the endangered red squirrel
5. Three miles of sandy shoreline between Sandbanks and Branksome Dene Chine have been awarded the European Blue Flags for cleanliness and safety, more than any other British resort, as well as being rated among the top 5 in the country.

Lead image: Poole Harbour, courtesy of Poole Tourism. Photo taken by Sue Sieger.

Experience Poole

Brownsea Island
Link: https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/brownsea-island

RNLI College
Link: https://rnli.org/rnli-college

Lunch with a Lord at Minterne House & Gardens
Link: http://minterne.co.uk/wp/

Lulworth Castle
Link: https://www.lulworth.com/

Sculpture by the Lakes
Link: http://www.sculpturebythelakes.co.uk/

Jurassic Coast
Image credit: City Experiences
Link: https://jurassiccoast.org/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIxI-SxNyn2QIVhc0bCh2jgwA1EAAYASAAEgLxmPD_BwE

Corfe Castle
Link: https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/corfe-castle

Tank Museum
Link: http://www.tankmuseum.org/home

Abbotsbury Swannery and Subtropical Gardens
Link: https://abbotsbury-tourism.co.uk/

Compton Acres
Link: http://www.comptonacres.co.uk/

Port information

Time zone : GMT
Operational hours : 24hrs
Berth enquiries/reservations : stevemoors@phc.co.uk
Lat & Long : North 50° 42.6 West 001° 59.6
Prevailing weather : South westerly
Anchorage position : Master's discretion in Poole Bay
Nm to landing stage : 6nm to Port
Berth information : South Quay
Vessel length : 210m
Vessel width restrictions : None
Air draft restrictions : None
Vessel draft : Max 8.5m
Depth on berth : Max 9m
VTS channel : 14
Max ship dimension : 210m
Pilotage : For ships over 50m in accordance with pilotage directions
Tugs : 2 x 17T BP
Security facilities : ISP Compliant
Gangways : Ship's own gangways must be used
Fresh water : Yes
Power supply : No
Fuel supply : No (to be arranged by Shipping Agents)
Hot works/painting/lifeboats : Permitted but requires an authorisation request form
Waste handling : On request (via by Shipping Agents)

Facilities

Terminal building : There is a passenger lounge with comfortable seating, rest rooms and a small cafe.
Currency exchange : Numerous outlets are located in the town centre just a 10 minute walk away (1.12km / 0.7m)
Internet access : No
Telephones : Yes
Mailbox : No
Taxis : Private hire Taxis can be booked
Distance to railway station : The nearest railway station is 0.9m / 1.44km away
Distance to airport : Bournemouth 12.4m / 19.9km (30 min drive) Southampton 38.2m /61.4km (52 min drive) Heathrow 93.8m / 150.9km (1.41 min drive)
Banks/ATMs : Located in the town centre
Restaurant/cafe : There are numerous bars and restaurants situated on Poole Quay just a 5 min walk away

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